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Office Action Summary

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BOEHMER ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are presented for examination

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Satomi et al. (6,631,397) (hereinafter Satomi).

4. As per claims 1 and 9, Satomi discloses a method for administering terminals in communication networks, comprising:

Registering (col 8, lines 28-33) at least one terminal (fig 1, element 100) with a central registration entity (fig 1, element 200, col 8, lines 28-33);

communicating at least one application with the at least one terminal (fig 1, col 8, lines 23-67);

performing an inquiry (fig 6) at the central registration entity (col 9, lines 1-19);
and
performing at least one action (fig 19) on the basis of the result of the inquiry (col 9, lines 20-43).

5. As per claims 2 and 10, Satomi discloses the registering of the terminal with the central registration entity is not carried out by the terminal to be registered (fig 1, element 200, col 8, lines 28-33).

6. As per claims 3 and 11, Satomi discloses registration information is updated (fig 32, col 19, lines 52-54).

7. As per claims 4 and 12, Satomi discloses performing the inquiry for the user of the terminals by the application; and
supplying a list of terminals allocated to the user back to the application (col 15, lines 25-40).

8. As per claims 5 and 13, Satomi discloses an interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation (col 16, lines 42-51).

9. As per claims 6 and 14, Satomi discloses in the registration information, preferences relating to the terminals are specified as:

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an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed (col 17, lines 10-42),

data formats to transmit voice and/or data to the corresponding terminal, and transmission standards for the transmission (col 8, lines 34-55, Internet protocol is standard transmission protocol).

10. As per claims 7 and 15, Satomi discloses the application decides from the registration information supplied back which terminal establishes contact fig 32, col 19, lines 52-54).

11. As per claims 8 and 16, Satomi discloses the application establishes contact with a number of terminals (col 8, lines 2-14).

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

U.S. Patent 6,195,432 to Takahashi et al.

U.S. Patent 5,956,038 to Rekimoto et al.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad A Siddiqi whose telephone number is (703) 305-0353. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A Follansbee can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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